(d) whether apart from technical feasibility, such projects are economically viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The mini/small hydroelectric potential in the country has not been formally assessed. However, on a rough estimate, this potential is of the order of about 5000 MW.

(c) A statement giving details of the existing micro/mini/small hydroelectric projects in the country is enclosed. [See Appendix CXLin, Annexure No. 18]

(d) Such schemes are, by and large, economically viable except those with low heads and low discharge.

IDPL Hyderabad

75. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO; Will the Minister of INDUS-TRY be pleased to state;

(a) what are the losses sustained by Hyderabad Unit of IDPL during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what steps are being taken to prevent these losses;

(c) whether the main cause for the losses is the mismanagement there;

(d) whether it is a fact that the life saving drugs produced by IDPL are more expensive than the imported ones; and

(e) if *so,* what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH); (a) Lowe**,** incurred by Hyderabad Unit of IDPL during the last three years have been as under —

	Rs./Crores
1984-85	9.09
1985-86	736
1986-87	16.84 (Provisional)

(b) IDPL have recently prepared its Rehabilitation Plan under which steps have been initiated to improve the capacity utilisation of all of its units including Hyderabad unit and to reduce costs of production. It has started making cash profits from June 87 onwards.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Prices of IDPL's formulations are in many cases lower than those of the imported ones but generally locally produced bulk drugs are more expensive due to higher costs of inputs of chemicals and intermediates, power and fuel and higher incidence of levies and taxes.

76. *[Transferred to the 5th August,* 1987.]

77. *[Transferred to the* 13th *August,* 1987.]

Performance of public sector units

78. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN;
SHRI M. A. BABY;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) which of the public sector unite have shown improvement in their performance during the past three years;

(b) what factors have contributed to such improvement in their performance: and